

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**  
**Mental Health Court (\$1,500,000 grant)**

This project involves creation of a Mental Health Court supported by a multi-disciplinary behavioral health team (BHT) that provides screening, assessment and community-based case management services – using the Assertive Community Treatment model – to 50 offenders. The core members of the BHT are:

- A Deputy Sheriff, who helps support and monitor offenders in the community, responds to calls from local law enforcement about clients, and mobilizes the BHT for intervention in lieu of re-arrest and booking;
- A Deputy Probation Officer, who supervises a small, specialized caseload of offenders participating in the Mental Health Court;
- A Mental Health Clinical Specialist, who conducts clinical assessments, helps develop treatment plans, and assists in monitoring clients' progress;
- A Forensic Liaison, who serves as team leader, assesses clients for appropriateness to participate in the project, works with the court team on sentencing and probation terms, helps stabilize clients while they are in custody and coordinates a discharge plan; and
- Two Peer Advocates, who help engage clients in development of their treatment plan, and assist in providing support services such as transportation to treatment appointments.

In addition to emergency shelter beds and basic necessities such as food, transportation and clothing, the project includes residential and outpatient treatment, integrated treatment for dually diagnosed individuals, and a crisis intervention training component for local law enforcement officers.

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